GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:397
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2005
RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the survey work of Railway Projects for laying new rail lines and construction of overbridge in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the prescribed time frame for completion of each survey/project;

(c) the amount allocated and utilized in regard to each of these projects so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely completion of each survey/project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 397 BY SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.11.2005 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS FOR TAMIL NADU.

(a) to (d): Status of survey works for laying new rail lines and construction of over-bridges falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu is given as under:-

S.No	Name of survey	Length (in km)	Cost of survey Rs. in Lakh	Expenditure incurred	Target date for completion
1.	Madurai-Kottayam new line	232	13.50	13	December, 2005
2.	Erode-Palani via Dharapuram new line	115	5.75	1	February, 2006
3.	Mayiladuturai-Tirukadeyur-Tarangambadi-Tirunallar-Karaikal new line	35	1.75	0.50	March, 2006
4.	Satyamangalam-Mettur new line	75	3.25	1	February, 2006
5.	Chennai-Cuddalore via Mahabalipuram & Pondicherry new line	71	0.56	0.10	February, 2006
6.	Mayiladuturai-Thiruvarur-Tiruturaipundi-Karaikudi & Tiruturaipundi-Agastiyampalli gauge conversion	224	15	1.96	March, 2006
7.	Trivandrum-Kanyakumari doubling	82	4.60	0.57	March, 2006
8.	Chengalpattu-Tuticorin doubling	513	15	13.50	February, 2006

Apart from the above, some surveys for new lines have been completed recently.

Agencies have been fixed for conducting the surveys and works have been taken up.

Construction of Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges are taken up on cost sharing basis in lieu of busy level crossing where traffic density is more than 1 lakh Train Vehicle Units (TVUs) otherwise proposal will be considered on deposit terms. In both the cases proposal is to be sponsored by State Government/local authorities duly fulfilling certain preliminary pre-requisites.

Railways construct the bridge proper i.e bridge across the railway track and approach work by State Government/Road authorities. Presently, there are 46 Road Over Bridge/Road Under Bridge works sanctioned on cost sharing basis in the State of Tamil Nadu. These works are at various stages of planning, design and execution. In the current year, Rs. 25.87 crore have been allotted for execution of railway portion of work in the State of Tamil Nadu and expenditure of Rs. 4.15 crore has been incurred upto September, 2005 in the current financial year. All efforts shall be made by Railway to complete their portion of work alongwith approaches by State Government.